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For: STORAGE HAVING LOGICAL PARTITIONING CAPABILITY AND
SYSTEMS WHICH INCLUDE THE STORAGE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Before further examination on the merits, and in reply to
the final Office Action mailed February 10, 2006, please amend
the above application as set forth below. A Request for
Continued Examination (RCE) is being submitted herewith.